

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Health Services Committee**, held Thursday, May 8, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

DeSaele-Chair, Brdak, Camphous-Peterson, Doherty, Drolet, J. Flynn,
Gielegghem, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Switalski and Torrice.

Absent and excused was Mijac.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DeSaele called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by J. Flynn, to adopt the agenda, as amended, to add #14 (Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee to Draft Resolution Re: Fertilizers). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Torrice, to approve the February 7, 2008 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Sitko, 16151 Frazho, Roseville

Ms. Sitko spoke about the meetings that are being held with the Animal Shelter and felt things are going well.

REPORT FROM WATER QUALITY BOARD

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by J. Flynn, to receive and file a report of the Macomb County Water Quality Board outlining their April 8th meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

PROSECUTOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT REPORT FOR APRIL, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by Drolet, to receive and file the status report provided on the Prosecutor's Environmental Unit for April 2008, as submitted by Luanne Laemmerman.

Ms. Laemmerman spoke about the environmental awareness trainings for local law enforcement being held by the Michigan Association of State Police and asked Commissioners to promote the one in Macomb County on May 14th because attendance is currently low.

Commissioner Doherty said she would be happy to send a letter to the Warren Police Department encouraging participation in this program and asked that she provide information to the Board Office. Ms. Laemmerman said that a letter was sent by the Prosecutor to all of the police chiefs and she would forward a copy of that.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

S.W.I.M. TEAM REPORT FOR MARCH, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by J. Flynn, to receive and file the S.W.I.M. Team Report for March 2008. **The Motion Carried.**

PROGRESS REPORT FROM ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Kalkofen stated that meetings are occurring on a monthly basis to discuss areas that need to be corrected and ways for the shelter to get more animals placed. He outlined some of the discussions, which included volunteers and guidelines that need to be established, uniform evaluation procedures by veterinarians, basic treatment of animals by the shelter to help the number of adoptions, extensive discussions with the Oakland Pet Fund regarding a spay and neuter program for the shelter and an increase in educating the community on the importance of spay and neutering, physical changes at the shelter to accommodate walking of animals, etc., further discussion on the concept of "no kill", donations and a survey that was developed and sent to shelters and organizations.

Commissioner Doherty asked about the success of posting animals on the web and Pet Finder. Ms. Jeroue said they have received inquiries due to the website and indicated that the animals on Pet Finder are those up for adoption. Commissioner Doherty felt that lost animals should also be put on Pet Finder. Ms. Jeroue said she would look into that.

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the progress report regarding the Macomb County Animal Shelter. **The Motion Carried.**

INCREASE ANIMAL SHELTER COUNTY APPROPRIATION BY \$5,000 AND ESTABLISH A SUPPLIES-DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS EXPENSE LINE ITEM

MOTION

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Rocca, to approve an increase in the Animal Shelter County appropriation by \$5,000 and establish a \$5,000 Supplies – Drugs and Pharmaceuticals expense line item; funds will be used to purchase medication and supplies for treatment of animals at Macomb County Animal Shelter, and forward to the Budget Committee.

Commissioner Rocca thanked Mr. Kalkofen, Ms. Jeroue and Commissioner DeSaele for all of their work regarding this and offered her help.

Commissioner Gielegem felt that earmarking the donations for medications might increase the amount of people giving. He said he would support the motion today, but asked that Mr. Kalkofen think about bringing a recommendation back.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPT. TO ACCEPT MICHIGAN DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GRANT FOR INLAND LAKE BEACH MONITORING

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY ROBERTS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 FOR INLAND LAKE BEACH MONITORING. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPT. TO ACCEPT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT FOR COLLECTION OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD MEDICINES AND ELECTRONIC WASTE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,526 FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD MEDICINES AND ELECTRONIC WASTE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPT. TO APPLY FOR MICHIGAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY TORRICE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A MICHIGAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$325,000 FOR THE PURCHASE AND FREE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS (CFLs) AND THE COLLECTION OF SPENT CFLs.

Mr. Kalkofen noted that this is a very valuable program and the energy cost savings for Macomb County at the end of the program will be \$1.6 million.

Chair DeSaele called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATION FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DRAFT RESOLUTION RE: FERTILIZERS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GIELEGHEM, SUPPORTED BY ROCCA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS THE USE OF FERTILIZERS CONTAINING PHOSPHOROUS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DROLET VOTING “NO”.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Render, Richmond Township

Ms. Render thanked the Health Department and Animal Shelter for everything that they are doing. She suggested that more information about the animals be provided when they are put on Pet Finder.

Josephine Savalle-Dunn, Administrator, Martha T. Berry

Ms. Savalle-Dunn stated that next week is National Nursing Home Week and they have many special events planned.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**